

GAO-21-149 Actions Needed to Improve Oversight of Detention Contracts

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Foundational GAO audit explaining 'guaranteed bed minimums' that pay private operators (CoreCivic, GEO) even when beds are empty. Details systemic lack of oversight. Original link returned 403. Critical for understanding the financial incentives driving the carceral network.